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- LUNCHEON TOAST

BONN FOR S/S ONLY

-- ARRIVAL STATEMENT:--

THE HOUR IS LATE AND THIS IS THE END OF A LONG DAY FOR ALL OF US. I AM DOUBLY GRATEFUL TO YOU, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO HAS BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO COME OUT AND GREET US THIS EVENING. BONN HAS BECOME SUCH A REGULAR STOP FOR MY COLLEAGUES AND ME THAT WE KNEW OUR WELCOME WOULD BE CORDIAL EVEN BEFORE WE GOT HERE. STILL, IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE WELCOMED SO PERSONALLY WHEN WE ARRIVE.

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CONCERNING THE TALKS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

DURING THE PAST WEEK, I WANT TO STRESS THAT MY EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE NOT DIRECTED ONLY AT AMERICAN OR ISRAELI OR EGYPTIAN INTERESTS, BUT ARE IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. I NEED NOT TELL YOU HOW VITAL THE SUPPORT OF WESTERN EUROPE IS TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THIS AREA. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT A COORDINATED POLICY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE IS OF THE HIGHEST

IMPORTANCE. IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT I HOPE TO CONTINUE THE VERY PROFITABLE EXCHANGES ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WHICH HAVE BECOME SUCH A REGULAR FEATURE OF OUR RELATIONS. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT SUCH EXCHANGES WILL SERVE NOT ONLY TO KEEP OUR GERMAN ALLY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DO IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT WILL ALSO PROVIDE ME WITH VALUABLE INSIGHTS ON THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS.

-- DEPARTURE STATEMENT:--

THIS HAS BEEN A VERY SHORT VISIT WITH OLD FRIENDS WITH WHOM I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SPEND MUCH MORE TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, MY WANDERING CARAVAN ALREADY IS NEARLY OVERDUE AT ITS NEXT STOP. IT IS REALLY NOT NECESSARY FOR ME TO SAY HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO THE CHANCELLOR AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR GIVING UP MUCH OF A PRECIOUS WEEK-END TO MEET WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND ME. OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE AS USUAL OF THE HIGHEST VALUE TO ME, AND I HOPE THAT I WAS ABLE TO GIVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST WEEK. THERE IS LITTLE MORE TO SAY OTHER THAN TO THANK ALL OF YOU ONCE AGAIN AND TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT, HOPEFULLY LESS HECTIC, OCCASION WHEN WE CAN CONTINUE OUR REGULAR AND FRUITFUL EXCHANGES.

-- SUGGESTED TOAST:--

MR. CHANCELLOR, AS USUAL WE HAVE HAD EXTREMELY USEFUL EXCHANGES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND HIS COLLEAGUES THIS MORNING. I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU TOOK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE TROUBLE TO RETURN FROM HAMBURG AND HOST THIS LUNCHEON FOR US. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER DURING THE MEAL.

IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU MIGHT COMMENT FOR US ON THE RUMORS I HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE REAL REASON FOR YOUR VISIT TO NORTHERN GERMANY THIS WEEK. I AM SURE THERE

IS NO TRUTH TO THE CLAIM THAT YOU FLED THE RHINELAND JUST TO GET AWAY FROM THE LAST GASPS OF KARNEVAL, AN INSTITUTION WHICH I KNOW ENJOYS SO MUCH POPULARITY IN YOUR NATIVE CITY.

AND WHILE WE ARE SCOTCHING RUMORS, I MIGHT AS WELL DENY FLATLY THAT THIS TIME -- IN CONTRAST TO SOME OF MY MORE RECENT VISITS TO THE FRG -- MY BEING HERE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FOOTBALL, ALTHOUGH I AM OF COURSE

SOMEWHAT WORRIED BY THE RECENT FORTUNES OF BAYERN MUENCHEN. THAT RECENT DEBACLE IN BERLIN LED ME TO WONDER WHETHER WE SHOULDN'T AFTER ALL MOVE CLOSER TO SOVIET IDEAS ABOUT LIMITING TIES BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE WESTERN SECTORS, AT LEAST IN THE FIELD OF SPORT. (BAYERN LOST 4-1 AND WAS VIRTUALLY BOOED OFF THE FIELD).

BUT I AM SINCERELY HAPPY TO BE HERE AGAIN, FOR WHAT IS BEGINNING TO BE A REGULAR SERIES OF VISITS TO BONN. WHILE THE EMBASSY STAFF MAY NOT APPRECIATE HAVING TO PUT UP WITH ME SO OFTEN, I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH WE TALK TOGETHER, EITHER PERSONALLY OR BY TELEPHONE, IS A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF HOW CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE CONTINUED TO BE, EVEN IN THE TIMES OF INTERNATIONAL CRISIS WHICH WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING.

THE FACT THAT I CAME HERE DIRECTLY FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, SHOWS HOW OUR RELATIONSHIP AND THE ENTIRE US-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP MUST IN FACT BECOME DEEPER AND ENCOMPASS A BROADER RANGE OF TOPICS IF OUR COMMON INTERESTS ARE TO BE PROTECTED DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. IT IS THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD WHICH CAN DETERMINE WHETHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ADJUSTMENTS NECESSITATED BY THE RISE OF THE SO-CALLED "NEW ISSUES" WILL BE ACHIEVED IN A PEACEABLE AND DEMOCRATIC MANNER OR IF THE WINDS OF CHANGE WILL EXPAND INTO A HURRICANE OF DESTRUCTION.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE MOST URGENT TASK IN THIS REGARD IS THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I DESCRIBED THE RESULTS OF OUR RECENT TRIP TO FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN SOME DETAIL THIS MORNING AND I THINK WE ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THE OUTLINES OF THE PROBLEM. THERE WAS I THINK A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIRECT IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT EFFORTS AT PEACE FOR WESTERN EUROPE AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE GERMAN SIDE.

WE ALSO HAD A USEFUL REVIEW OF SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST, DURING WHICH I AGAIN CONCLUDED TO MY GREAT SATISFACTION THAT THE CLOSE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH WE ARE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT REALLY DOES CONTINUE TO BE A RICH AND REWARDING RELATIONSHIP. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT LITTLE BERLIN PROBLEM WHICH I MENTIONED EARLIER, I WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON CONFIDENT OF THE UNDERSTANDING WHICH EXISTS HERE IN BONN. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE SAME DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING FOR GERMAN CONCERNS CONTINUES IN WASHINGTON.

THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD WAIT ANY LONGER TO ENJOY THIS EXCELLENT FOOD AND THE MARVELOUS SURROUNDINGS IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES TODAY. INGERSOLL

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